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## ◀MERTZ'S SACRILEGE▶

John W. Mertz, Republican candidate for county attorney, said in a speech at Central City, one night last week:

*"It is said that Jesus Christ resurrected Lazarus, but we will bury the People's party so deep in November that Christ Almighty can't resurrect it, and He won't be darned fool enough to try."*

Is not that nice language to come from a candidate for office nominated by the "great party of moral ideas"? How many church members will vote for such a travesty on manhood? Is such a man fit for the responsible office of county attorney? Can any good citizen vote for Mertz?

We say, emphatically, NO!

### FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

Col. J. W. Deford, of Ottawa, has been nominated by the Populists for judge of the Fourth judicial district. We are in receipt of a sketch of the life of Col. Deford, but too late for publication, so we mention a few points.

Col. Deford was born in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pa., Nov. 7, 1835. His father was a prominent lawyer of Pennsylvania for about forty years, and often represented Fayette county in the legislature.

Col. Deford was educated at Madison college, Pa., and graduated in 1855. He is, perhaps, the best classical scholar west of the Mississippi, and is master of several languages. He was admitted to the bar at the age of 19—was reared in a law office—and when his father died, he took up the practice in his father's old office; but the war cut short this pursuit and turned his attention to military matters. He assisted in raising the first company that was recruited in Fayette county, and was elected its second lieutenant. This company became Co. F, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, c. 40th of the Pennsylvania Line. That division is said to have seen more actual fighting than any other division, during the war. It took part in twenty-two great battles. But, we haven't space to review the history of the company or its gallant young lieutenant. The young man "grew" in the service of his country, and he was rapidly promoted. His record reads like the pages of history—and it is actual history.

He returned to the practice of law at Uniontown, Pa., but moved to Ottawa, Kas., in 1867, where he has lived and practiced his profession ever since. He has an enviable reputation as an attorney, and is a man of large influence. His election to the high office for which he is nominated will never be regretted by the people of the district.

For the benefit of our numerous subscribers in Indiana county, Pa., we publish the following tickets, by request: Pennsylvania state ticket: Supreme judge, R. B. McCombs, of Lawrence county; for congressmen-at-large, S. P. Chase, of Tioga, and Geo. W. Dawson, of Beaver. Indiana county ticket: Assembly: B. F. Lydick, of South Mahoning, and D. R. Jenkins, of Blacklick; for register and recorder, B. C. Fleck, of Kellysburg; for county surveyor, Gilbert McCrea, of Brushvalley.

CARNEGIE has contributed \$100,000 to the Republican campaign fund, and Frick has been made chief dispenser of the boodle. These employers of Pinkerton devils are high up in the councils of the Republican party, and yet, Republican papers ask the laboring people to vote the Republican ticket. Did anybody ever see such gall?

The Republicans will circulate all kinds of lies from now on to election. Be prepared to hear anything, but believe nothing. Stand by the People's ticket and the principles of the People's party.

### An Old World Criticism.

London Chronicle.

Affairs suggest the question: What grave crisis is forming itself for the American people? What are we to say to such phenomena in a country which enjoys, on paper, complete democratic constitutions? American papers and statesmen will attribute everything to anarchists, but that is a supine and unworthy excuse for social and political shortcomings. In the main, the American people have themselves to blame, for the lack of true public spirit in the American republic is one of the saddest facts of our time. The American people had the most splendid inheritance ever conferred on a nation. They have grossly misused it. Hordes of vulgar office-seekers have been permitted to fatten on the public body; great cities are given over to men who ought to be in prison, and millions on millions of acres of public lands are given with a light heart to railway corporations which now threaten to strangle the republic in their octopus-like grasp. This is the real practical anarchism which ruins states. Compared with that, the anarchism of a handful of desperate fanatics is almost innocuous. That is the great moral of that labor law, but there are special questions to railway and convict labor. It is simply monstrous that capital is allowed to use convict labor—so monstrous that no self-respecting community could possibly tolerate it. Excepting the Russian and German monarchs, no men in the world are clothed with greater power than American railway magnates. Things come to a pass where the whole people have to consider what is to be done with the railways. It is impossible to allow the owners to do as they please. There is no solution except the putting forth by the state of its undoubted supreme authority to exercise a rigid control under which managers shall be quasi-state officials, instead of private servants of Goulds and Vanderbilts.

DUANE STANDART, of Tulare county, California, writes that California will go for Weaver and Field by a nice majority.

H. C. FRICK, the Homestead hellion has been made head manager of the Republican campaign. As a consequence, labor unions are rushing out of the party, pell-mell. Many of them had concluded to swallow Whitelaw Reid (one of the worst enemies of labor), but they have concluded to draw the line at Frick.

A vote for a constitutional convention is a vote to abolish the \$200 exemption. This is a scheme to add a little more to the poor man's burden. Vote AGAINST a constitutional convention.

The national Republican party has placed \$200,000 in cash in the state of Kansas, for the purpose of buying up the voters of the state. And christian (?) voters will uphold the gang of bribers.

MOORE will defeat Funston by a majority of 4,372.—Pleasanton Herald.

O, pshaw! Make it 7,000, and you will come nearer the mark.

THAT constitutional convention scheme will cost the tax-payers of Kansas three-quarters of a million dollars. Vote against it.

WHEN you go to buy nails see that they are not Carnegie nails.

### From Plains to Peaks.

In the Ute Pass, near Colorado Springs are several pleasant places to cool off during the hot summer months. Reasonable hotel, cottage and tent raes. You can go to the top of Pike's Peak on foot, horseback, in a carriage, or via the cog-wheel railway.

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